Paragraph structure

Academic paragraphs can follow a structure that uses (TEST):

**Topic sentence**

**Example**

**Supporting evidence**

**Talk about the ideas / evaluation of ideas / conclusion**

Try to identify these features in the following short paragraph. Underline and label the different parts relating to these four areas:

The concept of climate change has been with us since the turn of the twentieth century with an increase in the frequency of extreme weather conditions occurring throughout the world. The United States, for example, now experiences an increased number of hurricanes and tornadoes, like hurricane Katrina, which have caused widespread damage and destruction in conjunction with serious flooding. The underlying cause of climate change however remains less clear, with some authorities apportioning the blame to an increase in CO2 output from man-made activity (UEA, 2014). On the other hand, it has been argued that the earth’s climate naturally undergoes cycles of change, which are beyond the control of government or national agencies (Bloomberg, 2010). All in all, it is probably not possible to completely separate these two factors and their influence on climate change, and no clear cut blame can be attributed to a single cause.